

[24th July, 2000]

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THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Proposal for National Housing Policy**

147. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal for National Housing Policy with a view to providing shelter to the shelterless; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The National Housing and Habitat Policy of 1998 laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on 29th July, 1998 envisages Government's role as enabler rather than builder.

Government aims to create an enabling environment by removing the legal, regulatory, technical and financial constraints facing the Housing Sector. This would help all sections of the Society to gain access to land finance and technology to obtain shelter for themselves. Government will however, continue to intervene directly for the benefit of the poor and vulnerable sections of the society. The long term goal of this policy is to create surplus housing stock either on ownership or rental basis. The State Governments are required to draw up their own action plans to address the housing problems in their States. Several steps including fiscal concession have also been initiated.

**Funds for creating Employment for Urban Youth in NE States**

148. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the allocations of funds made by Government for creating employment opportunities for skilled/ unskilled educated urban youth of North Eastern States during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the target level for each North-East state in this regard during the said period;

- (c) whether the target level has been achieved during this period; and  
 (d) if not, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation implements Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY) with effect from 01.12.1997 on all India basis for the benefit of urban poor. This programme seeks to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or underemployed poor through encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures or provision of wage employment by utilising their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets. This programme targets the urban poor who have read upto 9th class and are living below the poverty line, as defined from time to time.

The Central funds released to the North Eastern States for creating employment opportunities under SJSRY during the last three years are detailed as under:—

|                   | (Rs. in lakhs) |         |           |
|-------------------|----------------|---------|-----------|
| Name of the State | 1997-98        | 1998-99 | 1999-2000 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 39.99          | 54.01   | 63.65     |
| Assam             | 477.88         | 672.33  | 191.07    |
| Manipur           | 110.45         | 155.37  | 44.24     |
| Meghalaya         | 73.24          | 100.55  | 27.30     |
| Mizoram           | 69.63          | 101.84  | 123.50    |
| Nagaland          | 42.33          | 73.16   | 82.34     |
| Tripura           | 89.98          | 127.94  | 54.72     |

(b) to (d) The matter pertaining to the targets under the scheme has been left to be decided by the State Governments in conformity with the guidelines of the scheme and results of beneficiary survey. This has been done to ensure adequate flexibility in the operation of the scheme. The cumulative physical progress as reported by the NE States is as under:—

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| S. No. | State             | Beneficiaries assisted under Urban Self Employment Programme | No. of Man days generated under Urban Wage Employment Programme (in Lakhs) | Reported upto |
|--------|-------------------|--|--|---------------|
| 1.     | Arunachal Pradesh | Nil  | 1.04   | June, 99      |
| 2.     | Assam             | Nil  | 0.6  | Mar, 2000     |
| 3.     | Manipur           | Nil  | Nil  | N.R.*         |
| 4.     | Meghalaya         | 414  | 0.26   | Sep., 99      |
| 5.     | Mizoram           | 1038   | 1.87   | Mar. 2000     |
| 6.     | Nagaland          | 585  | 0.45   | Mar. 2000     |
| 7.     | Tripura           | 38   | 1.5  | Dec. 99       |

\* N.R.— Not Reported

**Illegal Constructions in Delhi and other Metropolitan Cities**

149. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that illegal constructions are on the rise in Delhi including various metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, what are the names of the metropolitan cities regarding which Government have information of illegal constructions taking place there;

(c) whether any action has been taken by Government against illegal constructions in metropolitan cities;

(d) if so, the elaborate details, thereof;

(e) whether Government have formed any squad to check illegal constructions;

(f) if so, what has been its achievements; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (g) It is a fact that illegal

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